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# Alternatives Summary Table

## Part - 3

Issue	No-Action Alternative	Management Alignment Alternative
Burial of Transmission Lines	- Require burial of transmission lines unless “not technically feasible.”	- Minimize and mitigate impacts from transmission lines, considering options that may include burial
Modifying Habitat Management Area Boundaries	- Adjust PHMA boundaries based on site-specific information	- Clarified that PHMA boundaries should be adjusted based on site-specific information
Modifying Mitigation Standard	- Projects must provide a net conservation gain for Greater Sage-Grouse	- Projects must improve the condition of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat
Clarifying Grazing Systems and Prioritization of Grazing Permits	- Repeats regulations, policies, and management actions from other sections	- Focuses specifically on identifying and minimizing improper livestock grazing - Removes actions that repeat regulations, policies, or management from other sections
Clarifying Management of Water Developments for Livestock	- Includes a sentence that could be interpreted as potentially impinging on the State’s authority to manage water rights	- Removes the sentence - remaining language still manages water developments for neutral or beneficial impacts on Greater Sage-Grouse
Clarifying the Role of the BLM, State of Utah, and Counties with Respect to Travel Management Planning	- Does not specifically direct engagement of state, local and tribal governments during implementation -level travel planning	- Adds language to clarify that offices should engage State, local and tribal governments
Clarifying Management of Surface Coal Mining	- Coal unsuitability will be determined when a lease is requested, but then declares that all PHMA is “essential habitat” for the purposes of the suitability criteria	- Clarifies that the unsuitability process will be conducted when a lease is requested based on site-specific information, including identification of “essential habitat”
Decisions that Require Analysis of Specific Alternatives during Implementation	- Includes several actions that direct consideration of specific alternatives during environmental reviews	- Removes direction to consider specific alternatives, instead allowing the NEPA process to identify alternatives based on site-specific issues

